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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 5, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-5 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A biometric authentication system comprising:
a mobile storage device; and
a reader/writer for reading/writing information from/into said mobile storage device,
wherein said reader/writer comprises:
a biological information input device which inputs biological information,